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SUB: NEW MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL FINALLY SWORN IN

REF: A) 75 ACCRA 6672, (B) 75 ACCRA 7412,

1. NEW MEMBERS OF RECONSTITUTED MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC) TOOK OFFICE MARCH 2 IN CEREMONY LED BY ACHEAMPONG. CHAIRMAN IS NAVY CHIEF COMMODORE C.Z. DZANG, VICE AIR FORCE CHIEF BRIG. CHARLES BEAUSOLEIL. MEMBERSHIP IS 26, DRAWN EXCEPT FOR CZANG FROM RANKS OF MAJOR THROUGH COLONEL.

2. NEW AND STRONGER ROLE FOR COUNCIL WAS CONTEMPLATED IN DECREE OF OCTOBER 9, 1975 (REF A) BUT LACK OF ACTION BY SMC TO IMPLEMENT THIS PART OF NEW ARRANGEMENT EARLIER SUGGESTS STRONGLY THAT RECONSTITUTED MAC WILL HAVE LITTLE SAY IN GOVERNING COUNTRY. IF ANYTHING, IT MAY SERVE AS LIAISON BETWEEN TOP BRASS AND FIELD UNITS AND, AT BEST, COULD PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON MILITARY GRIPEs.

3. A SECOND ASPECT OF OCTOBER DECREE WAS TO BE THE APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO MINISTRIES WHICH WOULD HAVE BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN MEMBERS. THIS HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND THERE IS NO INDICATION IT WILL SOON BE.

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